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SUMMARY: PRESS FOCUSES ALMOST ENTIRELY ON GOI  
POSITION ON ISRAELI POWS IN SYRIA. ACCOUNTS VARY.

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SOME REPORT GOI HAS RESOLVED TO MODIFY ITS

POSITION ON ICRC VISITS; OTHERS SAY GOI HAS REJECTED  
US PROPOSAL TO CIRCUMVENT POW OBSTACLE TO  
ISRAELI-SYRIAN NEGOTIATIONS. SOME POLITICAL  
ANALYSTS URGE GOI TO STAND FIRM ON ITS POW POSITION.  
WARNING THAT COMPROMISE WOULD EVENTUALLY ERODE  
ACHIEVEMENTS MADE ON EGYPTIAN FRONT. DAVAR(ESHED)  
SAYS US HAS SENT ISRAEL TROOP SEPARATION PLAN FROM  
KING HUSSEIN BASED ON RETURN OF JERICHO TO ENABLE  
JORDAN TO SET UP PALESTINIAN-ORIENTATED ADMINISTRATION  
TO HANDLE WEST BANK AFFAIRS IN FUTURE. PRESS ALSO  
REPORTS ON THIRD PHASE OF IDF WITHDRAWAL FROM CANAL  
WEST BANK; UN SUPERVISION OF EGYPTIAN COMPLIANCE  
WITH TROOP SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND SPECULATES  
ON SUPERPOWERS "UNDERSTANDING" ON MIDDLE EAST.  
END SUMMARY.

#### ISRAELI-SYRIAN NEGOTIATIONS

(A) AL MANISHMAR AND HAARETZ CARRY SIMILAR  
ACCOUNTS THAT GOI HAS DECIDED TO MODIFY ITS POSITION. HAARETZ  
SAYS: "THE GOI HAS AGREED TO HOLD CONTACTS WITH THE US  
GOVERNMENT ON TROOP SEPARATION WITH SYRIA BEFORE ICRC  
VISITS TO ISRAELI POWS IN SYRIA. REGARDING THE POW  
LIST, GOI HAS NOT CHANGED ITS POSITION THAT IT WILL NOT NEGOTIATE  
WITH SYRIA BEFORE IT RECEIVES THE LIST..IT SEEMS THAT ISRAEL'S  
CONCURRENCE WITH THE US PROPOSAL OPENS THE DOOR FOR CONTACTS  
ON TROOP SEPARATION WITH SYRIA, WHICH WILL REACH A PRACTICAL  
STAGE DURING DEFMIN DAYAN'S AND FONMIN EBAN'S VISIT  
TO WASHINGTON THE END OF THIS MONTH OR EARLY NEXT MONTH."

(B) DAVAR, JERUSALEM POST A/J AFTERNOON  
PRESS REPORT OTHERWISE. HAARIV (HARIF) WRITES : "AUTHORITATIVE  
GOVERNMENT SOURCES REEMPHASIZED THAT GOI HAS NOT CHANGED  
ITS POSITION THAT IT WILL NOT NEGOTIATE--DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY--  
WITH SYRIA UNLESS IT RECEIVES A LIST OF POWS AND BEFORE ICRC  
VISITS..HOWEVER, THE GOI HAS INFORMED THE US THAT INsofar  
AS THE US CLARIFICATION WITH SYRIA RELATES TO TACTICAL RATHER  
THAN SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, ISRAEL HAS NO OBJECTION..THIS  
MEANS THAT ISRAEL WILL ALSO NOT ENTER INTO TALKS WITH THE US  
BEFORE SYRIA COMPLETES WITH ITS TERMS. AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES  
ALSO SAID THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT HAVE PLAN TO WITHDRAW ACROSS  
THE PURPLE LINE--I.E. TO A LINE INSIDE THE GOLAN HEIGHTS--  
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AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ISRAEL WILL REQUEST RETENTION OF PART  
OF THE ENCLAVE(OUTSIDE THE HEIGHTS) CONQUERED IN OCTOBER."

(C) MAARIV EDITORIALIZES: " IDF WITHDRAWAL  
FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS HAS BECOME A NUMBER ONE PROBLEM  
IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS..IT RATED FIRST IN THE GROMYKO  
TALKS IN WASHINGTON; IT IS THE MAIN TOPIC OF TITO'S  
TALKS IN DAMASCUS; IT IS BECLOUDING US RELATIONS WITH

SAUDI ARABIA AND IT HAS BEEN OCCUPYING THE GOI SINCE  
KISSINGER RETURNED FROM DAMASCUS WITH HIS IMPRESSIONS..  
ALL OF SECRETARY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CAIRO, HIS  
DELICATE MEDIATION AND THE SPECIAL POSITION HE EARNED WITH  
SADAT..HAS BEEN ENDANGERED BY THE SYRIAN RIGIDITY....  
SYRIA IS ACTUALLY HOLDING THE WHIP..AND ISRAEL'S BARGAINING  
POSITION IS DWINDLING."

(D) PRESS CARRIES FONMIN EBAN'S STATEMENT  
THAT US HAS NOT PROPOSED THAT ISRAEL NEGOTIATE WITH SYRIA  
ON TROOP SEPARATION BEFORE SYRIA COMPLIES WITH ISRAEL'S  
DEMANDS ON POWS. EBAN NOTED THAT THERE ARE  
SIGNS OF READINESS IN SYRIA TO NEGOTIATE--PERHAPS THROUGH  
DR. KISSINGER'S GOOD OFFICES--ON TROOP SEPARATION.  
REGARDING FINAL BORDER WITH SYRIA, EBAN IS QUOTED:  
"WE ARE READY FOR AN HONORABLE COMPROMISE."

#### GROMYKO-KISSINGER TALKS

MEDIA REPORT WIDELY ON GROMYKO'S TALKS IN  
WASHINGTON. DAVR'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WRITES: " IT SEEMS  
THAT GROMYKO AND DR. KISSINGER HAVE AGREED TO TRANSFER THE  
FUTURE STAGES OF THE TALKS ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT  
TO GENEVA TO ENABLE THE SOVIETS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE..EVEN  
THROUGH SYRIA HAS NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE  
COMMUNIQUE..IT COULD BE PRESUMED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE  
PROMISED TO INFLUENCE SYRIA TO JOIN THE TTALKS..."

#### ISRAELI-JORDANIAN TROOP SEPARATION

DAVAR REPORTS: "THE AMERICAN HAVE  
RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO ISRAEL KING HUSSEIN'S PROPOSAL FOR  
TROOP SEPARATION BASED ON JORDAN'S RECOVERY OF JERICHO  
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UP TO 20 KILOMETERS FROM THE JORDAN RIVER. THE REGION  
WILL BE DEMILITARIZED AFTER IDF EVACUATION. KING HUSSEIN  
WANTS TO SET UP A REGIONAL JORDANIAN ADMINISTRATION  
WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR WIDE PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION. THE  
ADMINISTRATION WILL SERVE AS A MODEL OF FUTURE JORDANIAN  
ADMINISTRATION OF WEST BANK AFFAIRS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK  
OF A PEAC SETTLEMENT...THE US NEITHER SUPPORTS NOR  
REJECTS THE PLAN....."  
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